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DEPARTMENT ALSO FOR H; PLEASE REPEAT TO GENEVA FOR  
SECRETARY'S PARTY AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PDEV UK RH  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: JOHN DAVIES AND THE HELMS AMENDMENT

1. IN A SEPARATE CABLE WE HAVE REPORTED JOHN DAVIES'  
REMARKS JULY 13 ABOUT THE HELMS AMENDMENT AND THE EFFECT  
ITS SUCCESS WOULD HAVE ON THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY.  
DAVIES ALSO TOLD US THAT SENATORS HELMS AND HAYAKAWA  
HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM THROUGH AN INTERMEDIARY  
(PROFESSOR JOHN HUTCHINSON OF UCLA) AND HAVE URGED HIM  
TO COME TO WASHINGTON TO HELP IN THE CAMPAIGN ON THE

AMENDMENT. IN THAT FIRST CONVERSATION, EMBASSY OFFICER  
UNDERTOOK TO FIND OUT THE STATUS OF THE AMENDMENT.

2. AFTER CHECKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT (LANPHER),  
EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED DAVIES JULY 14, REPORTING THAT  
THE BILL WOULD NOT COME TO THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE UNTIL  
THE WEEK OF JULY 24, AND DESCRIBING THE STATE OF THE  
BILL IN THE HOUSE. EMBASSY OFFICER SAID THAT WHILE HE  
RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WERE MANY DIFFERENT PRESSURES ON  
DAVIES, IT WOULD NOT SEEM ADVISABLE FOR A SHADOW

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FOREIGN SECRETARY TO GO TO WASHINGTON IN SUPPORT OF AN  
AMENDMENT WHICH THE AMERICAN EXECUTIVE OPPOSED. DAVIES  
SAID HE ACCEPTED THE POINT, AND WHILE HE EXPECTED PHONE  
CALLS FROM HELMS AND HAYAKAWA TODAY, HE NEVERTHELESS  
PLANNED TO KEEP HIS OPTIONS OPEN.

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